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Joint Meeting Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board and MPO Policy Committee Minutes

October 12, 2011

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

- Board and Policy Committee Members:** Gerald Bennett, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Ann Schneider, Policy Committee Chair-representing IDOT, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, John Beisel-representing Cook County, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Martin Buehler-representing Lake County, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar (via tele-conference)-representing Will County, Mike Connelly-representing the CTA, Tom Cuculich-representing DuPage County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Luann Hamilton-representing CDOT, Kenneth Koehler-representing McHenry County, David Kralik-representing Metra, Jamy Lyne-representing Will County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John McCarthy-representing Private Providers, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Michael Payette-representing Class 1 Railroads, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County, Tom Rickert-representing Kane County, T.J. Ross-representing PACE, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Rocco Zucchero-representing Illinois Toll Highway Authority and non-voting members Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee, Norm Stoner-representing FHWA and David Werner-representing the FTA.
- Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Alex Beata, Doug Ferguson, Ross Patronsky, Ylda Capriccioso and Sherry Kane
- Others Present:** Allison Bos-SW Conference, Len Cannata-WCMC, Chalen Daigle-McHenry COM, Bola Delano-IDOT, John Donovan-FHWA, Don

Gismondi-CTA, Charles Ingersoll-IDOT, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Marta Perales-IL MPO, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Andy Plummer-RTA, Rebekah Scheinfeld-CTA, Peter Skosey-MPC, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Keith Sherman-IDOT, Susan Stitt-IDOT Mike Walczak-NWMC, Jan Ward-Kane Kendall CoM, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC and Hal Woods-CTA.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAF Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves. Likewise, IDOT Acting Secretary Ann Schneider asked that Policy Committee members introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no Agenda changes or announcements

3.0 Approval of CMAF Board Minutes – August 10, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2011 board meeting as presented, made by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Approval of MPO Policy Committee Minutes – June 9, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2011 MPO Policy Committee meeting as presented, made by Leanne Redden was seconded by Tom Rickert and with all in favor, carried.

5.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that Energy Impact Illinois (EI2), a \$25 million grant for energy retrofits, will be kicking off with an October 31 media campaign featuring 2 bills (Big Energy Bill and Little Energy Bill) on TV, radio and in print. Additional reporting will be presented at the Board's November meeting. The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program, Blankenhorn continued, is well underway with 38 local projects having been started, 18 of which are fully engaged. The monthly status report included in the board packet will continue to be provided. A memo had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting showing the names of students, locations and geographical mapping of this year's Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program. Blankenhorn offered thanks to those who have continued to help with that program. Finally, Blankenhorn announced that the CMAF Board is now 6 years old. Mayor Bennett had also had a birthday recently.

6.0 Procurements

A motion by Mayor Marilyn Michelini was seconded by Dan Shea to approve the following procurements and contract approvals.

6.1 A contract approval with PTV/NuStats in the amount of \$200,000 to conduct the 2011 Latino Household Travel Survey.

6.2 A one-year contract with an option of four one-year renewals with Great Arc Technologies in the amount of \$90,000 to develop a User Interface for CMAF's

Full Circle Parcel Survey project. The maximum five-year contract would total \$250,000.

6.3 A one-year contract with an option of four one-year renewals with Pangaea Information Technologies in the amount of \$60,000 to develop a User Interface for Online Municipal Data Portals. The maximum five-year contract would total \$220,000.

6.4 A sole-source contract in the amount of \$25,000 to the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance (CAFHA) for the preparation of the fair housing and equity assessment required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Committee Reports

Joe Deal, Chair of the Regional Coordinating Committee, reported that the Coordinating Committee had met earlier in the morning. Staff presented on-going research regarding performance-based evaluation criteria for funding, in the context of the "55-45 split" that included best practices from other states and several federal programs as well as some potential ways to forward Illinois. The semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendments were presented for committee recommendation of approval by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012-2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Multi-Year Proposed Program and Multi-Year B (MYB) List was also presented for committee recommendation of approval by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Meant to guide staff and inform partners, the governor and legislators, CMAP's draft framework for the 2012 Legislative Agenda was also presented for Committee input and overall direction to staff.

8.0 Council of Mayor's Report

In Mayor Jeffrey Schielke's absence, no report of the Council of Mayors was given.

9.0 Naming of Transportation Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Acting Secretary of Transportation, Ann Schneider announced that Leanne Redden will Chair CMAP's Transportation Committee; Mike Connelly will serve as Vice-chair for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2012.

10.0 Nominating Committee for the office of MPO Policy Committee Vice-Chair

On behalf of the MPO Policy Committee Nominating Committee, Tom Rickert reported that the Nominating Committee named Mayor Jeffrey Schielke as Vice-Chair to the MPO Policy Committee. A motion to approve the recommendation of the nominating committee was made by Tom Rickert, seconded by Leanne Redden and with all in favor, carried.

11.0 Approval of multi-year FFY 2012-2016 CMAQ Program and MYB List

CMAP Staff presented the multi-year, Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012-2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Multi-Year Proposed Program and Multi-Year B (MYB) List for approval reporting the following. This was the first cycle of CMAQ funding since the adoption of GO TO 2040, with steps taken to support implementation. Focus groups were established, a five-year program of projects was

developed and only after the GO TO 2040-focused proposals were identified, were the technical air quality and congestion benefit analyses applied. The program commits \$411 million in federal funds with far more funds requested than were available. The proposed program was released for public comment in August. Comments and responses have been reviewed by the Transportation Committee and the Regional Coordinating Committee, both of which recommend approval by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. For CMAP, a motion to approve the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012-2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Multi-Year Proposed Program and Multi-Year B (MYB) List as presented made by Alan Bennett was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried. For the MPO Policy Committee, a motion to approve the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012-2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Multi-Year Proposed Program and Multi-Year B (MYB) List as presented made by Luann Hamilton was seconded by Martin Buehler and with all in favor, carried.

12.0 Approval of GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments

CMAP Staff presented the results of the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments, reporting that programmers were asked to submit changes to projects included in the regional air quality analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and GO TO 2040. Of the numerous changes requested, only 9 projects required air quality conformity actions outlined in the Conformity Amendment included in the packet. A 30-day public comment period ended September 30, 2011; no comments were received. Considered by both the Transportation Committee and the Regional Coordinating Committee, both recommend approval by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. For the MPO Policy Committee, a motion to approve the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments, as presented, made by Leanne Redden, seconded by Luann Hamilton and with all in favor, carried. For CMAP, a motion to approve the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments, as presented, made by Rae Rupp Srch, seconded by Mayor Marilyn Micheline and with all in favor, carried.

13.0 Grant Awards to Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Projects

CMAP staff reported that the Board approved grant awards through the Community Planning Program in August. The Board is asked to consider approval of three additional grant awards within the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, totaling \$260,000. A motion to approve the additional grant awards made by Elliott Hartstein, seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor, carried.

14.0 State Legislative Session Recap

CMAP staff reported that in its memo, included in the board packet, was a general summary of veto legislation that CMAP is tracking. A question was raised regarding HB 2270 with Rocco Zucchero explaining that the bill had been introduced by the Rockford area, most of the language of the bill was included in staff's report and ultimately design and construction of projects by the Illinois Tollway would require the Governor's approval.

15.0 GO TO 2040 Implementation

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn presented an overview of the previous year's work after the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee's adoption of GO TO 2040.

Blankenhorn cited examples of progress that had been made in each of the twelve key recommendations from the Plan.

- *Achieve greater Livability through Land Use and Housing:* CMAP received a \$4.25 million HUD grant that funded the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program. CMAP also participated in the Community Planning Program in collaboration with the RTA that will result in the award of \$1 million in grants to 11 local communities this year.
- *Manage and Conserve Water and Energy Sources:* CMAP was awarded a \$25 million stimulus grant through DOE that will fund the Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) program to make energy retrofits easier. Water 2050 was adopted and implementation has begun, particularly in CMAP's hosting of forums throughout the year on the topics of regional flooding, stormwater management and groundwater protection. CMAP also coordinates IEPA's Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP).
- *Parks and Open Space:* while the majority of GO TO 2040 recommendations are targeted to other implementers with limited CMAP involvement, partnering with Chicago Wilderness, the agency did focus on refining the Green Infrastructure Vision (GIV) during the past year.
- *Promote Sustainable local Food:* during the past year, CMAP worked to build consensus and identify a lead organization to support and implement plan recommendations. Not yet resolved, work continues.
- *Improve Education and Workforce Development:* Over the past year, CMAP's focus has been concentrated on data, analysis and coordination. In coordination with the Chicago Workforce Investment Council (CWIC) work toward completion of both a freight industry cluster drill-down report and the development of a Human Capital Information Portal (HCIP), an extension of the MetroPulse website continues.
- *Support Economic Innovation:* CMAP has been in conversations with the Governor's office and DCEO staff to identify programs that further this recommendation.
- *Reform State and Local Tax Policy:* The Regional Tax Policy Task Force was created by the Board to make recommendations on state and local tax policy matters. Led by Frank Beal, the task force has been meeting since April and recommendations are expected in January 2012.
- *Improve Access to Information:* The recommendations in the plan were the basis for collaborative work with the Chicago Community Trust (CCT) in the development of the Regional Indicators Project and its MetroPulse website that was launched last November. For instance, tracking approximately 100 indicators, illustrated in more than 1,000 tables, CMAP was able to determine that transit riders make about 2 million public transit trips each week day. With the release of MetroPulse 1.1 during the summer and based upon user demand, functionality has been expanded and new portals created. The Metro Chicago Information Center (MCIC), CMAP, the City of Chicago, Cook County and CCT announced "Apps for Metro Chicago", a contest for programmers to develop data-driven software

applications. Awards totaling \$50,000 are possible through the support of various foundations.

- *Pursue Coordinated Investments:* Encompassing the agency's policy objectives reflected in the state and federal policy agenda, the recommendations in GO TO 2040 are high priorities for CMAP.
- *Invest Strategically in Transportation:* Recommendations in this chapter could not be sufficiently addressed in 2011-2012, rather will be seen over the long term. An increase in the gas tax, while not a perfect solution, needs to be indexed to inflation.
- *Increase Commitment to Public Transit:* Transit and transportation need to be considered as a whole.
- *Create a More Efficient Freight Network:* CMAP is committed to finding financial resources to complete the CREATE project, awarded the 2nd largest grant in the country through TIGER1.

Blankenhorn concluded the overview, asking the Board and Policy Committee to consider the following 3 questions in discussing next steps for 55/45 split, congestion pricing, and major capital projects: Should this be a near-term priority for implementation; how should this be strategically implemented; what is anticipated progress in a year, in 5 years?

A number of the Board and Policy Committee members weighed in on the following:

- The LTA program was wildly successful;
- Collaboration in providing joint services is desirable in terms of more efficient governance;
- The 55/45 split must be addressed;
- MFT could be used to support transit;
- Innovation in partnerships should include collaborating with developers to harness potential of economic development;
- Groundwork must be established for how new [system] works;
- How can we bring interested parties to the conversations;
- Look nationally at programs that seem to be working (forward material presented at Regional Coordinating Committee to Board and Policy Committee members);
- New sources of revenue need to be identified;
- Look at pilot projects for congestion pricing, while examining impact on local streets and roads;
- Push harder for BRT (HOT lanes);
- Show where BRT has been successful;
- Consider socio-economic impacts;

Staff received guidance and direction from the Boards and will follow-up regarding these issues at their respective meetings in January.

16.0 Other Business

Mayor Bennett and Secretary Schneider exchanged appreciation for the joint meeting, each looking forward to more opportunities to collaborate. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn announced that Keith Sherman will retire from IDOT, and thanked him for

his work with the department and CMAP. There was no other business before the CMAP Board or the MPO Policy Committee.

17.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

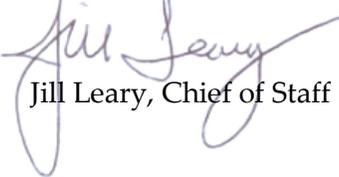
18.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board meets next on November 9, 2011
The MPO Policy Committee meets January 12, 2012

19.0 Adjournment

At 11:15 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Tom Cuculich. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, November 9, 2011